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## **CPUC ADOPTS NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS TO CONTINUE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION EFFORTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15, 2019 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today established new energy savings goals for California's electric and natural gas utilities from 2020 to 2030, representing a major milestone in the CPUC's efforts to continue innovating the next wave of cost-effective energy efficiency programs that can help improve the environment.

The energy savings and targets for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) if achieved for 2020 and 2021 would be equivalent to the greenhouse gas reduction of taking more than 658,000 cars off the roads in California.

"Our decision today marks an achievement for energy conservation in California, as highly efficient lighting has now become part of building codes and appliance standards. It also presents us with an opportunity to find the next wave of cost-effective energy efficiency programs in which to invest," said Commissioner Liane M. Randolph, the Commissioner assigned to the proceeding.

Added Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma, "I am looking forward to how the CPUC will collaborate on the future of energy efficiency as an important component of how we meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals."

Today's decision addresses the findings of the 2019 Energy Efficiency Potential and Goals Study, which shows a decrease in potential energy efficiency savings from utility rebate programs. This is due to California's commitment to energy efficiency and our coordinated efforts to move efficient



technology along a trajectory from leading-edge to the industry standard, as is now the case for highly efficient lighting appliances and construction.

The CPUC, in consultation with the California Energy Commission, is required to identify all potential achievable cost-effective electricity and natural gas energy savings and establish efficiency targets for utility companies to achieve through ratepayer-funded incentives. Energy efficiency goals are updated every two years and are incremental, in that they represent how much additional energy savings California can achieve compared to the previous years' goals. The CPUC last revised energy efficiency goals in [Decision \(D.\) 17-09-025](#).

The proposal voted on is available at:

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M311/K070/311070816.PDF>.

Documents related to this proceeding are available at:

[https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:R1311005](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R1311005).

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